

Special Education Advisory Council Meeting Notes
Meeting Date: November 18, 2009

Members present: Mary Barton; Alice Angney; Adrienne Fisher; Mary Koen; Margaret Wilson; Michael Giangreco; Ann Czar; Sandy Bartley; Karen Woolsey; Lisa Maynes; Ernie Wheeler

Discussion/ Topic	Suggested Actions/Follow-up	Person Responsible	Timeline
TOPIC 1: State Updates – Focused groups are done and have shared their recommendations with the Transition Team. Transition Team report has gone to the Commissioner for his input. Proposed Statewide System of Support, perhaps coordinating teams to do reviews rather than having individual monitoring teams.			
TOPIC 2: Full day retreat. See Karin about the possibility. Perhaps at a school district or someplace in central Vermont. Could we invite John Copenhaver (presented at the OSEP Leadership Council about State Special Education Advisory Panels) to possible retreat as a guest speaker?	Ernie to contact John Copenhaver about possible visit dates.		
TOPIC 3: Membership Update: Alice sent an email to Shap Smith, Speaker of the House and made a recommendation to another legislator on the Ed Committee who might be appointed to the Council. Has not received any information back as yet, Ernie also sent an email to Cindy Lee and she is looking into it.			

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<p>TOPIC 3: Membership – continued – This will be Karen Woolsey’s last year...will not return, need to start looking now to fill homeless liaison role. She has accepted an appointment to the Governor’s Council on Interagency Cooperation. Karen will continue on until June.</p> <p>Does majority mean 9 out of 17 or does it mean largest group within the 17 (i.e. 5 parents, 3 special educators, 2 higher ed, 1 each of others)?</p> <p>Need definition of missing four categories.</p> <p>Some Boards have set numbers. Some Boards are being reviewed to determine if they are required by regulation.</p> <p>Reappointment dates –</p> <p>Can John Copenhagen help with our membership requirements?</p> <p>Bring other agency or names to meeting next month.</p>	<p>Call Washington Central to see if Carole Freeman could be available as the next person to fill this role? She serves as the homeless liaison for Washington Central.</p> <p>Contact Agency of Human Services and Vermont Family Network about representation on the VSEAC.</p> <p>Contact Diane Delemosse, OVR and Steve Dale or Cynthia Ware, DCF</p>	<p>Ernie</p> <p>Ernie</p>	

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TOPIC 3: Phone tree: When Eileen mails it to Ernie, he will send it out on the list serve.			
<p>TOPIC 4: Presentation to State Board – Michael, Sandy and Adrienne met this morning to make final changes to the presentation and divide up the slides among themselves. Some slides were combined some were slightly edited for clearer understanding.</p> <p>Michael to send final version to Ernie, Ernie will have the Projector for the presentation.</p>	<p>Should this become an annual event? After this year, should we make contact biennially?</p> <p>Will this increase the likelihood of greater contact over the next few years?</p> <p>Send copy of slide show to Carol for Board packet.</p>		
TOPIC 5: Chart for membership, report on Board presentation, (1) APR review, Jan/Due process, John Copenhaver update, retreat information. State updates.	.		

Special Education Advisory Council Agenda

Date: December 16, 2009

Site: 133 State Street 4th Floor Board Room
(the building to the left of the State House)
Montpelier, VT

Time: 12:00 noon -3:00 PM

Facilitator: Mary Barton

Note taker: Ernie Wheeler

Timekeeper: Eileen Guyette

TIME	TOPIC	WHO	ITEM TYPE*	MEMBER(S) TO COMMENT
12:00	State Updates	Karin Edwards	Information/Discussion	
12:30	Review Annual Performance Report Data	Ernie Wheeler Dave Phillips	Information/Discussion	
2:30	Report on Board presentation	Adrienne, Sandy, Michael	Information sharing and Discussion	
2:50	Membership Update	Ernie	Information sharing	
3:00	Adjournment			